

John Prout collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Prout, John
Title	John Prout collection
Date	1863-1925; undated
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
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Biographical Note

John Prout was born September 6, 1888, in Sumner, Illinois. He graduated from Central Normal College in Danville, Indiana, with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in 1910. He was publisher of the Saint Francisville Times from 1913 to 1925. For a year, he worked for the Coral Gables Corporation. From 1928 to 1945, Mr. Prout was the advertising and sales promotion manager for Arvin Industries, Inc., in Columbus, Indiana. In 1954, he published "Adjustment Letters Handbook: How to Turn a Dissatisfied Customer into a Valuable Asset." His address in 1955 was 2211 Pearl Street, Columbus, Indiana.

Scope and Contents

There are ten unrelated items in this collection, including a note from Hugh McCulloch, Treasury Department to Lander Bishop and Company, dated June 17, 1865. The note thanks "Gentlemen" for the portrait of Washington which they sent. Also included is a letter to Honorable Sidney Dillon, President Union Pacific R.R., from James N. Tyner, Postmaster General, February 20, 1877, regarding the rates for mails sent by rail. A letter to Erastus Brainard, Esq., from W. Q. Gresham, dated March 8, 1888, stating: "I am too much occupied in the discharge of my judicial duties to think much about political office." A letter dated September 29, 1890, from W. Q. Gresham on imprinted paper "Chamber of the Circuit Judge of the United States" to the Honorable J. R. Doolittle, with penmanship that is difficult to read. A note on imprinted paper "Office of the Attorney General, Washington, D.C., from William Miller to Charles L. W. Reese in Indianapolis enclosing "a photograph of myself for the Harrison and Reid club, as requested." A note on half sheet imprinted "House of Representatives, Washington, D.C." dated February 11, 1907, to William Van Dyke, Esquire, Detroit, Michigan, from Edwin Denby, regarding A. E. Simond's matter with the Commissioner of Pensions. A letter dated April 7, 1921 on imprinted paper "Office of the Postmaster General, Washington, D.C." to Reverend R. B. Robinson, Washington, D.C., from William H. Hays, saying that he "will endeavor to see you when you come in." A note from Harry S. New, Postmaster General, to Pathe News, New York City, October 2, 1925, declining an invitation to attend the Fifteenth Anniversary Dinner to commemorate "the origin of news presentation by motion pictures" because he will be in Michigan. A poem by Robert Underwood Johnson in "The Wink Hour," no date, with the first line: "What is diviner than the peace of foes!"

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from John Prout in 1955.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2015/01/22 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Indiana

- Washington D.C.

Personal Name(s)

- Brainard, Erastus
- Denby, Edwin, 1870-1929
- Dillon, Sidney, 1812-1892
- Gresham, W. Q.
- Hays, Will H. (Will Harrison), 1879-1954
- Johnson, Robert Underwood, 1853-1937
- McCulloch, Hugh, 1808-1895
- Miller, William
- New, Harry S. (Harry Stewart), 1858-1937
- Reese, Charles L. W.
- Tyner, James N. (James Noble), 1826-1904
- Van Dyke, William

Subject(s)

- American poetry--19th century
- Correspondence
- Invitation cards
- Photographs
- Politics and government